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### Hong Kong Bans Poultry Products from Japan Due to AI

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**Report Highlights:**

The Hong Kong Government (HKG) banned poultry products from Japan effective December 3, 2010 as a result of the confirmation of an outbreak of the highly pathogenic avian influenza H5. Japan is not a significant supplier of poultry products for the Hong Kong market. For the first 10 months of 2010, Hong Kong imported 4,171 MT valued at US\$6.9 million of poultry meats from Japan.

**General Information:**

The Hong Kong Government (HKG) banned poultry products from Japan effective December 3, 2010 as a result of the confirmation of an outbreak of the highly pathogenic avian influenza H5 in Yasugi city, Shimane Prefecture, Japan.

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Table 1. Hong Kong: Poultry Meats Imports, in US\$ and MT

Hong Kong Import Statistics UDG: Poultry Meat, Group 27 (2007)						
Year To Date: January - October						
Partner Country	2008		2009		2010	
	USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity
World	939,190,918	613,986	994,803,103	672,279	1,360,631,607	887,091
Brazil	534,116,031	341,419	558,930,969	365,769	493,880,157	285,911
United States	109,278,443	82,552	135,119,557	106,477	463,228,429	336,681
China	175,874,339	108,985	170,424,865	113,496	196,182,309	124,315
France	26,265,527	12,182	20,914,914	10,348	23,404,625	13,159
Poland	4,469,294	1,879	11,389,001	6,208	23,048,360	15,169
United Kingdom	541,428	378	8,375,294	6,249	18,167,317	12,589
Argentina	15,488,788	13,649	8,470,439	7,172	17,749,715	11,658
Canada	15,101,562	12,834	15,795,024	13,001	16,827,464	12,497
Thailand	187,965	40	15,213,529	7,564	16,608,417	7,645
Germany	6,802,456	4,889	4,140,409	3,687	12,607,465	9,439
Netherlands	8,020,494	6,345	5,394,290	4,114	12,339,914	10,870
Australia	7,552,263	5,475	7,146,161	5,608	10,499,424	7,024
Turkey	324,755	453	286,254	333	8,979,917	6,993
Chile	15,551,374	9,931	11,019,425	7,118	7,637,778	4,112
Hungary	5,568,372	1,736	6,617,580	2,514	6,972,341	2,608
Japan	4,377,668	3,088	5,036,634	3,436	6,891,708	4,171

Source : Global Trade Atlas, Hong Kong Census & Statistics Department

Hong Kong temporarily banned poultry imports from Edmonson County of Kentucky and Meeker County of Minnesota in 2009 as a result of avian influenza. The HKG lifted the ban on both counties after receiving a report on the incident submitted by the Animal and Plant Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Usually, the HKG will lift the ban on poultry products after a minimum of 90 days following the cleaning and disinfection of the place having an avian influenza outbreak and after the country has submitted a final report to OIE. A report summarizing the incident is also required to be submitted to the HKG.

Other than the latest ban on Japan, the HKG imposes temporary bans on the import of live poultry and poultry products from the following countries/places because of avian influenza cases there.

Afghanistan	Albania	Azerbaijan
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Cambodia	Cameroon	Cote D'Ivoire
Croatia	Denmark Naestved	Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Egypt	India	Indonesia
Iraq	Israel	Jordan
Kazakhstan	Laos	Myanmar
Netherlands Noord-brabant Provision	Niger	Nigeria
Pakistan	China Fujian Province Hunan Province Jiangsu Province Tibet Autonomous Region Xinjiang Autonomous Region	Portugal Oeste Ribatejo Norte
Romania	Russian Federation	Sudan
Sweden	The Republic of Korea Cholla-Namdo Province Cholla-Bukdo Province	Ukraine
Vietnam	Zimbabwe	

Source : Hong Kong Food Safety Center (last updated June 2010)